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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 2 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Honorable GEORGE ALLEN, a Senator from the State of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

On this day when George Washington's Farewell Address is read, it is appropriate that our prayer today be his "Prayer for the United States of America," exactly as it is preserved in the chapel at Valley Forge.

Let us pray:

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy Holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow Citizens of the United States at large.

"And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the Characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

"Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable GEORGE ALLEN led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, February 24, 2003.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable GEORGE ALLEN, a Senator from the State of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. ALLEN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

DR. AND MRS. OGILVIE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, prior to the distinguished Senator from Georgia beginning the reading of the statement, Dr. Ogilvie is not in the Chamber often. He is in the process of moving to California. We have had a number of guest Chaplains in the last several weeks, and while he is here, I wanted to say from a personal perspective how much I enjoyed meeting him and getting to know him. I think the time I got to know him the best was the first time I

saw him perform at a funeral. That was in Georgia for Paul Coverdell. He did such an outstanding job. He made everyone there feel Senator Coverdell's life was so meaningful.

I have also worked with him on a number of matters dealing with Senate personnel. He has always been open and easy to contact. The people with whom he counsels have been better for having had Dr. Ogilvie work with them. The Senate will miss him. I wish him well, and especially for the recovery of his wife. I certainly hope that works out well.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair thanks the Senator from Nevada for his expressing the views of all Senators and their families.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

READING OF WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senator from Georgia, Mr. CHAMBLISS, is recognized to read George Washington's Farewell Address.

The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I am honored today to read George Washington's Farewell Address before the Senate. The tradition of reading this historical document was begun in 1893 and has continued each year with

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